

**The Woman's Missionary Society.**

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**THE WORK AT KHARGPUR, INDIA.**

Rev. J. H. Oxrieder, of the Free Baptist India Mission, writing in the *Morning Star*, tells something of the work at Khargpur, a railway centre in the Balasore district, where he and his wife are stationed.

This place is growing to be quite a city. Some fifty to seventy-five houses have been built the past year, and many more are being erected now. The workshops are about completed, and about 250 workmen, with their families, are soon to move here from Nagpur. Next spring about 1,500 more are to come. That is, these will come if they can get houses ready for them to live in.

We had a Christmas-tree this year, and everything passed off very nicely. It seemed so different from our Christmas trees at home, that it was hard to realize that it was really Christmas. One of our congregation offered to let us have the use of his compound and bungalow. About two o'clock in the afternoon they began to come, and as swings had been arranged, the children enjoyed them, while the older ones hung the presents on the tree. Every one was remembered, even to the six months' babies. Every one seemed well pleased, and went away happy.

Take it all in all, we felt it was a step forward for the people, and that it would bring good results. Sure enough it did, for ever since both Sunday-school and church services have been increasing in attendance. The Sunday-school has over sixty now enrolled, and fifty-two as regular attendants. We have our little room full for church service, and some have had to go away because they could not get in.

It seems too bad that we have been unable to get a home there. Just why the Lord has not seen fit to let us have one, I do not see, but he knows best.

We feel that we need your prayers for this work. Yes, dear friends, be ready to act when the call comes to build, which, I'm in hope, is not far distant. Other denominations are looking with longing eyes at this field, and unless we act quickly when a place is secured on which to build, others will take the work from us. We cannot afford to lose this place, for it is one of the strongholds of our field. It is a great work, and needs your prayers and help. May the Lord hasten the day when we shall be able to live there and carry on his work among these people as we would like.

**BEAVER HARBOR SOCIETY.**

Our Mission Band was re-organized by Rev. J. N. Barnes on the 21st of February. Mrs. Edgar Wadlin and Mrs. Chas. Paul were appointed superintendents. Twenty-two joined the Band. The officers are as follows: President, Winnie M. Paul; Vice-president, Augusta E. Dakin; Recording Secretary, Martha Eldridge; Corresponding Secretary, Bertha N. Currier; Treasurer, Jesse L. Wright. The meetings will be held every other Saturday at the homes. We intend to have a concert soon. We are much encouraged and hope to do good work in our mission.

BERTHA N. CURRIER.

**REVIVHL IN INDIA.**

That God still uses the weak things for His work is evident from the following story, which comes from India: "Four humble Christians from a distant village, day laborers, who had been soundly converted, and were giving their spare time to witnessing for Christ, passed near the village, and were requested to hold meetings in their midst for two days. One of them could scarcely read, knew nothing of preaching from a text, and could only witness to the fact of his own salvation and his fellowship with Christ. No immediate results appeared from these meetings. There was nothing remarkable in the preaching or the workers. On the next Sunday, however, at three o'clock in the morning, the catechist was awakened by the sobbing of one of the members in a neighboring house, who was under terrible conviction and in great distress of mind. He could do nothing but cry to God for mercy, and seemed almost paralyzed by the sense of his sins. The catechist, who was himself not right with God, could do nothing nor say anything to him, and was convicted by his own inefficiency and sinfulness and his inability to help his people. That day he also was powerfully affected. These three young men began to pray with redoubled earnestness for a revival in the church. That Sunday many of the people were convicted and wept and confessed their sins after the Sunday service. From that time on, a revival has been continuing and some months have now passed. Whichever way you turn, in the streets, in the fields, you come across groups of men or women or children engaged in prayer or song, or the reading of the Word, or religious conversation. Those in surrounding villages testify that a great change has come over the place. It was noted for stealing, but the people are now honest. They were once quarrelsome and abusive, but are now living in unity and in love."

**GENERAL RELIGIOUS NEWS.**

—Bishop Hartzell, of the Methodist Episcopal church, dedicated a church in Anstali, Rhodesia, last autumn, costing \$20,000.

—Bethany church, Philadelphia, now has five associate pastors. The membership of the church is 3,110, with a Sabbath school membership of 5,585.

—The Presbyterians and other evangelical denominations of the United States are doing effective evangelistic work in Porto Rico. The success which is attending their efforts is compelling the Roman Catholic clergy to reform their methods.

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—It is not true that the Society of Friends is decreasing, though the rate of increase is very small. Last year there was a net increase in the United States and Canada of 398, making a total membership of 92,998. Indiana is the stronghold of the Friends on this continent.

—An authority estimates that among the half million of French-Canadians in the New England States, there are 40,000 Presbyterians. This fact affords encouragement in connection with the prosecution of French evangelization work in Canada.

—Evangelists Torrey and Alexander are having remarkable success in England, repeating their experiences of last year. In the Liverpool meeting there were 4,800 professions, and at Manchester there were 4,879. Their meeting in Birmingham is being blessed. Next they go to London. Several times as many as 20,000 people have sought entrance to the halls where their services are being held.

—In 1800 only seven per cent of the total population of the United States were church members, whereas to-day the ratio is thirty-six per cent, the members increasing from 364,000 to 29,000,000. Not only has there been this great gain in numbers, but there has also been a great increase in activity. Investigations show, however, that the large majority of young men, or 9,059,000 out of 14,250,000, are outside of church membership.

—The *Standard*, of Chicago, published in its New Year's number a complete report of the condition of the Baptists in every state and territory of the union, state by state, a special correspondent reporting each state. It finds the story, as a whole, surprisingly attractive, and is impressed with the hopefulness which pervades almost every letter, even in the new fields, "where pastors in a Baptist oasis are surrounded by a wilderness of worldliness."

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